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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,481,289
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,264,312
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,345,888
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,474,796
- (5) U.S. Patent Publication. No. 2003-0035036
- (6) U.S. Patent Publication. No. 2003-0067518
- (7) U.S. Patent Publication. No. 2003-0067520
- (8) U.S. Patent Publication. No. 2003-0128256
- (9) JP 58-194560
- (10) JP 2001-138541

Pursuant to 1276 O.G. 55, copies of documents (1) to (8) are not enclosed.


Documents (9) and (10) are cited in the specification at page 4. These documents are believed to be pertinent for the reasons noted therein. In addition, U.S. Patent Publication. No. 2003-0128256 (8) is believed to be the English-language counterpart of JP 2001-138541 (10). Copies of the cited Japanese documents, as well as the English-language abstracts therefor, are enclosed.

Please note that Document (9) is cited in the specification as amended by Preliminary Amendment dated April 15, 2005. This document is believed to be pertinent for the reasons noted for Patent Reference (1) therein.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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